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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
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The Honorable James Hargrove, Chair
 Senate Human Services & Corrections Committee
 P. O. Box 40424
 Olympia WA 98504-0424

The Honorable Mary Lou Dickerson, Chair
 House Human Services Committee
 P. O. Box 40600
 Olympia WA 98504-0600

Dear Senator Hargrove and Representative Dickerson:

This letter constitutes the Department of Corrections' Annual Report to the Legislature on copayments assessed for specific health care services provided to incarcerated offenders.

As specified in RCW 72.10.020 (3) (a), the report on copayments includes the following information:

(3)(a)(i)	Total number of health care visits* made by offenders	219,547
(3)(a)(ii)	Total number of copayments assessed	40,942
(3)(a)(iii)	Total \$ amount of copayments collected	\$59,874
(3)(a)(iv)	Total \$ amount of copayments not collected due to offender indigency**	\$62,952
(3)(a)(v)	Total number of copayments not assessed for health services rendered	178,605

* health care visits include primary medical, mental health (not copayable) and dental visits

** copayments not collected at time of service become debt on offender account

Please contact Ken Taylor, Health Services Director, at (360) 725-8700 if further clarification is needed.

Sincerely,

Eldon Vail
 Secretary

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 Enclosure

cc: Senator Karen Keiser, Chair, Senate Health & Long-Term Care Committee
 Representative Eileen Cody, Chair, House Health Care & Wellness Committee
 Members of Senate Human Services & Corrections Committee
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 Ken Taylor, Director of Operations - Health Services, DOC

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**Department of Corrections
Copayment Data
Fiscal Year 2008**

	Medical	Dental	Mental Health	Total
Total Number of Health Care Visits* <i>This is the total number of face-to-face visits for medical, dental and mental health primary care.</i>	106,058	42,933	70,556	219,547
Total Number of Health Care Visits Assessed a Copayment	23,597 (22% of all visits)	17,345 (40% of all visits)	0 (0% of all visits)	40,942 (19% of all visits)
Total Number of Health Care Visits NOT Assessed a Copayment	82,461 (78% of all visits)	25,588 (55% of all visits)	70,556 (100% of all visits)	178,605 (81% of visits)
Total Copayments Assessed for Health Services	\$70,790	\$52,035	\$0	\$122,825
Total Dollar Amount Collected from the Copayment Program	\$32,857 (46% of copays assessed)	\$27,017 (52% of copays assessed)	\$0	\$59,874 (49% of copays assessed)
Outstanding Total Dollar Amount of Copayments Not Collected at time of Svc/Debt Created **	\$37,934 (54% of copays assessed)	\$25,018 (48% of copays assessed)	\$0	\$62,952 (51% of copays assessed)

* DOC policy exempts mental health visits from copayments.

** When an offender is indigent or has insufficient funds at the specific time a copayment is assessed, a debt is established. This debt is either for the total amount of \$3.00, or for the balance after partial payment is collected. The amount due is to be paid at a later time when/if a deposit is made into the offender's account. Inmate banking does not have the capability to determine which part of debt repayment over a period of time is specifically applied to copayment debt.